Amendments to the Specification:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

✓ Figure 1A illustrates a conceptual diagram of a personal computer system
110 that has a "direct" connection to the global Internet 101. The connection is made
using some type of Internet connection system 120. Most reside itial personal
computers currently use a dial-up modem that connects to a remote access device at
an Internet Service Provider (ISP) as an Internet connection devise system 120. In a
quest for a faster Internet connection, many residential customers are now beginning
to use "broadband" Internet connection systems that provider provide faster data
throughput with lower latency. Examples of broadband Internet connection systems
120 include Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) and cable modem connections to an ISP.
In a direct Internet connection, the end personal computer system 110 uses a "legal"
external Internet Protocol (IP) address that is routable. While the personal computer
system is coupled to the Internet, the personal computer system 110 "owns" that
unique IP address.4✓



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